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EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN, MIDDLE EAST

1. SUMMARY. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL JANUARY 16 APPROVED COUNTRY
PROGRAMS FOR ALGERIA, GREECE, ICELAND, IRAQ, LIBYAN ARAB
REPUBLIC, MALTA, SAUDI ARABIA, SPAIN AND YEMEN.
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63.3, 8, "LEAST DEVELOPED" CATEGORY, SAID OTHERS ALSO STILL
NEEDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EVEN THOUGH MANY AT UPPER END
PER PAPITA GNP SCALE. EIGHTEEN DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN
DISCUSSION CP'S. KEY ISSUES INCLUDED INITIATIVES TO MOVE
HIGHER GNP COUNTRIES TO "NET CONTRIBUTOR" STATUS, AND OTHER
MEASURES TO INSURE MOST EQUITABLE USE LIMITED UNDP RESOURCES.
ADMINISTRATOR PETERSON REPORTED SOME FAVORABLE RESPONSES TO
HIS INITIATIVES THIS DIRECTION. END SUMMARY

2. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR EUROPE, MEDITERRANEAN AND
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MIDDLE EAST MAKIEDO MADE BRIEF INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS ON
NINE CP'S BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL HIS REGION. REPORTED

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SPECIAL MEASURES ON BEHALF OF YEMEN IN "LEAST DEVELOPED"
CATEGORY, AND PROGRESS IN INCREASING NUMBER RES
REPS OFFICES IN REGION. PROGRAMMING EXERCISE ESPECIALLY
DIFFICULT IN MANY COUNTRIES DUE TO LARGE ON-GOING PROJECT
COMMITMENTS AND NEED EVALUATE AND PHASE OUT MARGINAL PROJECTS.
REGRETTED THAT IN LIBYAN CP, DESPITE EVALUATION AND PHASEOUT OF
SOME MARGINAL PROJECTS, STILL NOT NEW PROJECTS DUE TO OVER-
COMMITMENT OF IPF BEFORE PROGRAMMING EXERCISE BEGAN. POINTED
OUT THAT WHILE MANY OF THE NINE COUNTRIES NOT LACKING FINANCIAL
RESOURCES, WERE STILL IN NEED OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. CITED
COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS AGREED UPON IN ALGERIA AND IRAQ. STRESSED
THAT PRIORITIES OF CP'S FULLY CONSISTENT WITH OBJECTIVES SECOND
DEVELOPMENT DECADE.

3. COUNTRY INTERVENTIONS--EIGHTEEN DELEGATIONS INTERVENED IN
DISCUSSING CP'S. KEY ISSUES INCLUDED DONOR COORDINATION, EFFORTS
ON BEHALF OF "LEAST DEVELOPED", AND INITIATIVES TO ENCOURAGE
COUNTRIES AT UPPER END PER CAPITA GNP SCALE TO BECOME NET
CONTRIBUTORS. FRANCE, FRG, USSR AND OTHERS COMMENDED JUDICIOUS
USE ALGERIAN IPF FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN KEY AREAS. LEVEL
OF IRAQ COST SHARING ALSO COMMENDED. U.S. DELEGATION (VAN DYKE)
NOTED INCREASED SECTORAL CONCENTRATION IN CP'S AS WELL AS
EMPHASIS ON TRAINING AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION
GIVEN TO SECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY AND PLANNING.
CALLED FOR GREATER CONSOLIDATION FO SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS ANDMORE
RIGOROUS EVALUATION ANDPHASE-OUT OF MARGINAL ACTIVITIES.
HOPED THAT TO INSURE OPTIMUM USE LIMITED UNDP RESOURCES, SOME
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT UPPER END PER CAPITA GNP SCALE MAY BE
PREPARED VOLUNTARILY TO FOREGO FUTURE UNDP FINANCING IN FAVOR OF
LESS FORTUNATE COUNTRIES, OR AS A MINIMUM RESPOND FAVORABLY TO
INITIATIVE UNDERTAKEN BY UNDP ADMINISTRATOR AND MOVE RAPIDLY TO
BECOME NET CONTRIBUTORS. ALSO URGED THAT ADMINISTRATOR VIGOROUSLY
PURSUE EFFORTS TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH
ARE ENJOYING RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH. FRG, ITALY, INDIA AGREED WITH
IMPORTANCE OF EXPEDITING NET CONTRIBUTOR STATUS FOR THOSE COUNTRIES
AT UPPER END PER CAPITA GNP SCALE. INDIA ALSO ADDED THAT THESE
COUNTRIES SHOULD ADVANCE FURTHER STAGE TO BECOMMING RECIPIENTS OF
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON COMPLETELY REIMBURSABLE BASIS. MAKIEDO
THANKED DELEGATIONS FOR THEIR COMMENTS. SAID EXPECIALLY
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GRATIFIED BY SUPPORT GIVE TO CP OF YEMEN AS "LEAST
DEVELOPED" COUNTRY. RE MATTER OF COUNTRIES AT UPPER END OF
PER CAPITA GNP SCALE BECOMING NET CONTRIBUTORS. MAKIEDO SAID
ADMINISTRATOR ACTIVELY APPROACHING GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES IN THIS
CATEGORY ON THIS MATTER. IN MEANTIME, ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS
COST SHARING BEING EXPANDED.

4. SWISS CALLED FOR REPORT ON PROGRESS OF ADMINISTRATOR'S
INITIATIVES TO ENCOURAGE HIGH PER CAPITA GNP COUNTRIES
TO BECOME NET CONTRIBUTORS NOT LATER THAN END OF SE

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